

The OzBoy File

The Truth About The USS Liberty Attack



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This Book is dedicated to the crew of The USS Liberty Ship, which was attacked by Israel and betrayed by their own President, Military Leaders and others.

A moment in reflection and respect, **The OzBoy File** will now do a roll call of the crew who were on the ship.

USS Liberty Personnel Roster

The Ship's Officers (16)

- + Lieutenant Commander Philip McCutcheon Armstrong, Jr., USN (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces; buried Arlington National Cemetery, grave 2096X) (Navy Cross)
- * Lieutenant Maurice Hogue Bennett, USN
- * Lieutenant James Marquis Ennes, Jr., USNR
- * Lieutenant George Houston Golden, USN (plank owner) (died January 30, 2009) (Silver Star)
- * Lieutenant Richard Francis Kiepfer, Medical Corps, USNR (Silver Star)
- * Lieutenant Commander David Edwin Lewis, USN
- * Ensign David George Lucas, USNR (Silver Star)
- * Commander William Loren McGonagle, USN (died March 3, 1999) (Medal of Honor)
- * Lieutenant James George O'Connor, USNR (died March 19, 1988)
 - Ensign Malcom Patrick O'Malley, USNR
- * Lieutenant (junior grade) Lloyd Clyde Painter, USNR
- + Lieutenant James Cecil Pierce, USN (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
 - Ensign John Deaderick Scott, USNR (Silver Star)
- * Ensign Richard Patten Taylor, Jr., USNR

- + Lieutenant Stephen Spencer Toth, USN (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces) (Silver Star)
- * Lieutenant (junior grade) Malcolm McEachin Watson, USNR

The Chief Petty Officers (9)

- * Chief Petty Officer Joseph Allen Benkert (Navy Commendation Medal)
- * Chief Petty Officer Richard J. Brooks(Silver Star)
- * Chief Petty Officer Carlyle F. Lamkin (Bronze Star)
- + Chief Petty Officer Raymond Eugene Linn (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- * Chief petty Officer James A. Matthews
- + Chief Petty Officer Melvin Douglas Smith (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces) (buried Alamance Memorial Park, Burlington, NC)
- Chief Petty Officer Wayne L. Smith (died March 2, 2006)
- * Chief Petty Officer Harold J. Thompson (Bronze Star)
- Senior Chief Petty Officer Stanley Wayne White

The Men (263)

- * CT1 Reginald N. Addington
- CTSN Gary L. Aftoora
- * SFP3 Americo Aimetti
- FN Benjamin G. Aishe
- + CT3 William Bernard Allenbaugh (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces; buried Parkwood Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland)
- * CT2 Timothy Paul Ameen (died May 1, 1975; drowned at sea, body not recovered)
- CT3 James M. Anderson Jr
- * CT3 Joe D. Anderson
- * EMFA Richard Emory Anderson (died)
- CT2 Alvis L. Armstrong
- QMSN Theodore L. Arfsten

- * EMFN Joseph W. Ashworth
- SD3 Rogelio M. Bagan (plank owner)
- CTSN Thomas G. Bacskey
- * CT1 Richard K. Baker
- CS3 Gary L. Barton (plank owner)
- FN John W. Beattie
- * CTSN Edward H. Bechtel
- * CTSN Nathan D. Benedict, Jr.
- * CTSN Lee R. Bennett
- * CT2 Lowell Thomas Bingham (died October 11, 2006; buried Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Roseburg, Oregon)
- * FN Gerald R. Bisher
- + SN Gary Ray Blanchard (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces; cremated)
- * CT2 Glenn Lee Bloxham (died May 3, 2005)
- * CS3 Salvatore Boccella
- * MM3 John E. Booth
- * FN Calvin Bostic II
- * FN Don R. Botcher
- * CT2 Larry L. Bowen
- CT2 Thomas E. Bradley
- * CT3 James Victor Brong
- + QM3 Francis Brown (plank owner) (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces) (Navy Cross)
- * BT3 Frank J. Brown (plank owner) (Silver Star)
- * YN3 Virgil Louie Brownfield (Silver Star) (died 1998, buried Glen Haven Memorial Park, Winter Park, Florida)
- * BT3 Gary Wayne Brummett
- * CT3 Ronald D. Buck
- RMSN David W. Bundy
- CT1 Charles E. Byrd
- * MMFA Danny R. Byrd
- CT2 John J. Calligan
- + CT2 Ronnie Jordon Campbell (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- * CT1 Richard Carl Carlson
- * CS3 David N. Carnahan
- *-CT1 Jeffery R. Carpenter (Bronze Star)

- * CT2 Joseph P. Carpenter
- * SN William E. Casper
- * CT2 Calvin L. Chadsey
- * CT2 Fred M. Cleveland (died January 24, 1996, at Odenton, Maryland)
- RD2 Charles J. Cocnavitch
- * SN "J" "C" Colston, Jr. (died later) (Bronze Star)
- * SN Rodney C. Concepcion
- + CT2 Jerry Leroy Converse (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- * SN Eddie Lamar Cook
- * ENFA George R. Cornish
- SH3 James E. Cotten
- DK3 Juan A. Craig
- * CTSN Rodney Lee Dally (Bronze Star)
- * CTSN Dale E. Daniels
- * SM2 Russell O'Neal David, Jr. (Bronze Star)
- * CT2 James Ray Davidson
- SFM3 Duilio Demori (Bronze Star)
- TN Rodolfo A. Diana
- * ICFN James P. DiGeronimo
- * CT2 Marvin (Edward?) F. Dodd
- CTSN Edward J. Duea (died 1988)
- * SH3 Henry Edward Durzewski, Jr. (Bronze Star)
- * MM3 Robert M. Dye (plank owner)
- * CTSN Kenneth B. Eakins
- SN Alan W. Easton
- * CTSN Kenneth P. Ecker
- * CT1 Lewis D. Eckhart
- * CT2 Dennis M. Eikleberry
- + CT2 Robert Burton Eisenberg (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- SD1 Eddie G. Elder
- MM3 John W. Fisher
- * SN Donald F. Follin, Jr.
- RM3 Everett L. Freese
- CT2 Ernest A. Gallo
- * CT3 Kenneth R. Gauthier

- * RD3 Ronald D. Gilson (plank owner)
CT3 Larry D. Goins
- + CT3 Jerry Lee Goss (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- * CTSN Ronald F. Grantski
- + CT1 Curtis Alan Graves (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
SD3 Troy Lawrence Green (Bronze Star)
- * YN3 Steven Charles Gurchik (plank owner) (Bronze Star)
- * ET3 James T. Halbardier
RM2 James V. Halman
SN Edward D. Handy
MM3 Charles K. Hauck
- + CTSN Lawrence Paul Hayden (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- * CT3 David W. Hawkins
- * GMG3 David C. Hazen (died 1989)
- * SN Warren D. Heaney
- * CT2 Charles R. Hendricks
- * SH2 Donald Herold (died 1980) (Bronze Star)
- + CT1 Warren Edward Hersey (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- + CT3 Alan Higgins (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
CT3 Wayne L. Hildebrand, Jr.
- + SN Carl Lewis Hoar (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
MM3 Jerry G. Hobson
SN Glen J. Holden
- * CT3 John S. Horne, Jr.
- * FN John M. Hrankowski
CTSN Ronald A. Hurst (Bronze Star)
- * SN Thomas F. Jackson
- * CT2 Fredrick K. Johns
FN Duane D. Johnson
- * CT3 Melvin P. Johnson
CTSA Perry W. Johnson
CT3 Charles F. Jones

- * CTSN James P. Kavanagh
- + CT2 Richard Walter Keene (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- * FA Glenn D. Kelly (died November 21, 2000)
- * BT3 James F. Kelly (died May 18, 1994)
- SN Frederick W. Kerner
- BT3 Robert Clyde Kidd (died August 23, 2005)
- SH1 Kenneth R. Kimble
- * CTSN Eugene H. Kirk
- * SA David J. Kisiel
- CT3 William Mark Kram
- * FN Stephen John Krasnansky
- * CT3 Loren W. Kreun
- * SN Alan F. Kriner
- * CT1 Ronald G. Kukal
- * CT2 Calvin L. Landis
- SA Dale Duane Larkins (Silver Star)
- * FA Steven J. La Torre
- * SN John D. La Mar
- * EM2 William M. LeMay
- * SN Joel W. Lehman
- * CTSN Terry W. Lehman
- * SN Thomas W. Lemond
- + CTSN James Lee Lenau (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- * CT1 Joseph C. Lentini
- SK3 Claude L. Lewis, Jr.
- * CT2 Anthony J. Liefeld
- CTSN Ronald L. Lipply
- TN Benjamin L. Lomasang
- * CT2 Philip L. Long
- CTSN Robert W. Long
- * FN Gerald F. Lasasso
- PNSN Randy W. Lucas
- CT3 Donald J. Lundin
- + CT1 James Mahlon Lupton (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- * FN James A. Maraio

- * TN Sofronio P. Marfil (plank owner)
- + CT3 Duane Rowe Marggraf (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- + CTSN David Walter Marlborough (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- MM1 Charles Monroe Martin (died later, date not known)
(Navy Commendation Medal)
- * CT2 John L. Massengale (died 1991)
- * SN Jimmie L. Mathews
- * SN Robert L. McAllister
- * CTSN Patrick H. McAndrews
- CT3 Edward H. McClister
- * CT3 Terry L. McFarland
- * CT2 David L. McFeggen
- * CTSN Frank McInturff III (Bronze Star)
- * SMSN Joseph L. Meadors
- CT3 Garvin Lee Douglas McMakin (Bronze Star)
- + CT2 Anthony Peter Mendle (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- TN Remegio N. Mercado
- SK1 James H. Merritt
- * CT2 Stephen E. Meyer
- * FN David B. Miller
- SH3 Thomas Robert Moulin (Navy Commendation Medal)
- FN Richard G. Mumford
- * CT3 David V. Myers
- CT3 James L. Needham (Navy Commendation Medal)
- * SF1 Richard Dale Neese (Bronze Star)
- * BT3 John P. Newell
- SK1 Richard L. Newton
- + CTSN Carl Christian Nygren (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- ET2 Francis Joseph O'Classen (plank owner)
- ET3 Glenn R. Oliphant
- * BT2 Eugene Owens
- * CT2 David W. Page
- * CTSN Donald W. Pageler
- * SN Stamatie Pahides (Bronze Star)

- * CTSN Herbert J. Parker
- * CS3 Dennis A. Patten
- * SN Salvador Payan
- * CT2 Garland W. Payne
- * CTSN Herbert C. Peetoom
- * SK3 Edward G. Perkins (plank owner)
- * SN Gerald H. Pierson
- CT3 David T. Plasterer
- * CT1 Carl L. Pleasants
- * QM3 Floyd H. Pollard
- * CT2 John G. Popielski (died 2001)
- YN2 Martin Denny Powledge (Bronze Star)
- CT2 Eugene Prigmore
- * SN Harvey L. Purcell
- SN Anthony A Quintero
- * SN Thomas A. Quintero
- FN David Ramey
- * BT3 Albert E. Rammelsburg
- * IC1 John R. Randall
- EM3 Richard J. Reger
- * SA Robert B. Reilly
- * SA Thomas J. Reilly (died 1993)
- CT3 Paddy "E" Rhodes (Navy Commendation Medal)
- SN Stephen J. Richard
- * CT2 Douglas C. Ritenburg
- * SN Victor J. Rossi, Jr.
- * CT1 Charles L. Rowley (died 2000)
- ETSN William R. Russell
- TN Reynald S. Sarno
- * CTSN Robert A. Scarborough
- * EN3 Kenneth Schaley
- * FN Ronald W. Schneider
- * CT2 Robert J. Schnell (Navy Commendation Medal)
- * HM3 Samuel Leonard Schulman (Navy Commendation Medal)
- * CT3 Maurice B. Shafer (Navy Commendation Medal)
- * CTSN David A. Shaw
- * FN Michael R. Simpson
- * CT3 Harold E. Six

- + ICFN David Skolak (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces) (Silver Star)
- * SN Larry J. Slavens
- * DC3 James Clayton Smith (Bronze Star)
- * CTSN Jerry D. Smith
- + CT1 John Caleb Smith, Jr. (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- * SH3 Thomas B. Smith
- * CT2 Dennis C. Snader
- * SN Larry Lewis Soper (died November 17, 1997)
- + PC2 John Clarence Spicher (plank owner) (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- * BT3 Joseph D. Stoudt
- RM2 Richard S. Sturman
- CT2 John R. Sutter
- * CT2 Ralph Brent Sweet (died February, 1998)
- * CT3 Charles J. Thome
- + GMG3 Alexander Neil Thompson (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces) (Silver Star)
- * MR3 Larry B. Thorn
- + CT3 Thomas Ray Thornton (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- + CT3 Phillipe Charles Tiedtke (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- * ET3 Barry R. Timmerman
- CTSN Michael J. Tobin
- * SFP3 Phillip Francis Tourney(Bronze Star)
- SN Stephen B. Tracy
- CT3 Ronald E. Trader
- * FN Jeffery L. Triplett
- * CT3 Sammy M. Uber
- * SK2 Donaciano Valdez, Jr.
- * HM1 Thomas Lee VanCleave (Navy Commendation Medal)
- CT3 George R. Vanderpool
- * ETSN Thomas E. Vanderschuur
- * CTSN Robert B. Vandeventer
- * SN Carl J. Vickers
- CTSN Richard W. Wainwright

- + CT1 Frederick James Walton (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- * CTSN Robert M. Waltz
BM3 Jerry W. Ward
- * RM2 Joseph P. Ward (died February 21, 1971)
CT2 Daniel J. Warwas
TN Pedro P. Watan
CT3 Clyde W. Way
- * SN Richard L. Weaver
- * CS2 Gordon J. Wedig
- * CT2 Gregory L. Welch
SN Tommy W. Wheeler
- * SN George W. Wilson, Jr.
- * CTSN Daniel B. Wood
- * CTSN Robert R. Zager

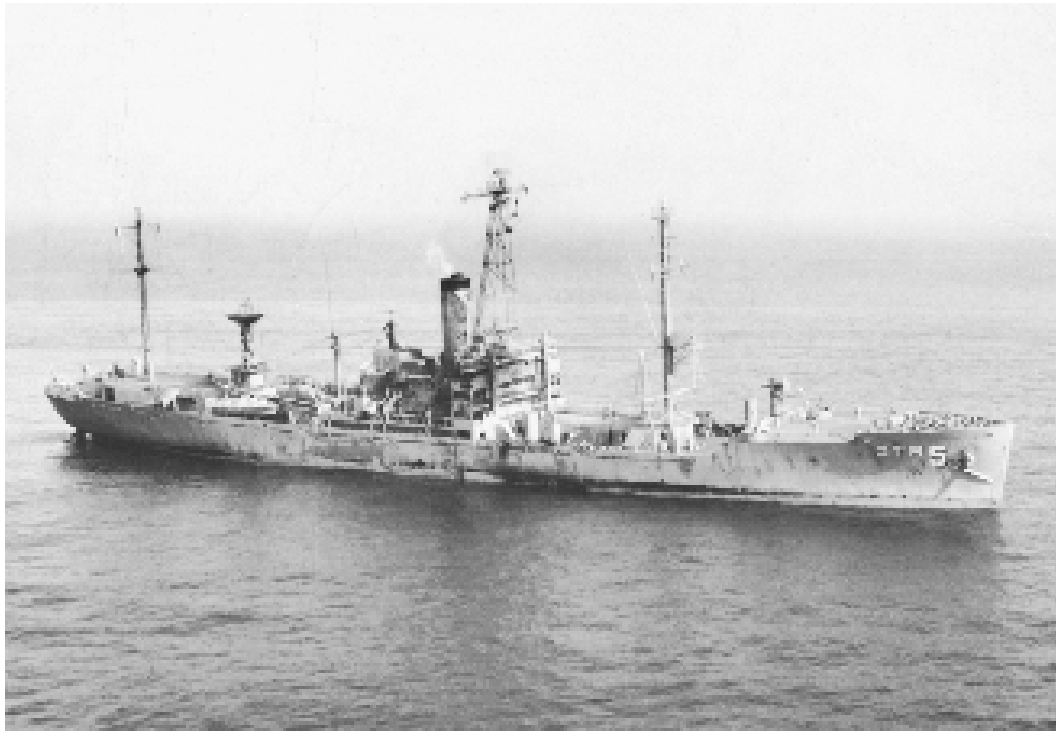
The Marines (3)

- * Staff Sergeant Bryce Franklin Lockwood (Silver Star)
- + Sergeant Jack Lewis Raper (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)
- + Corporal Edward Emory Rehmeier (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces)

Civilians (3)

- * Donald Leslie Blalock (died 1983; buried Asbury Methodist Church Cemetery, Asbury, NJ)
- + Allen Merle Blue (killed in action June 8, 1967, by Israeli forces; buried Arlington National Cemetery)
Robert L. Wilson

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USS Liberty (AGTR-5)'s
Commanding Officer CDR. William L. McGonagle, USN, in
his cabin on board the ship, 11 June 1967

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Introduction

Welcome to **The OzBoy File – The Truth About The USS Liberty Attack**, there has been much written about this attack and what went down over the years, and I just wanted a quick and simple book to add to **The OzBoy File** collection series which out lined the story.

Then if anybody wants to do further research & study they may.

Sit back and enjoy reading **The Truth About The USS Liberty Attack**.

Chapter 1

The Attack

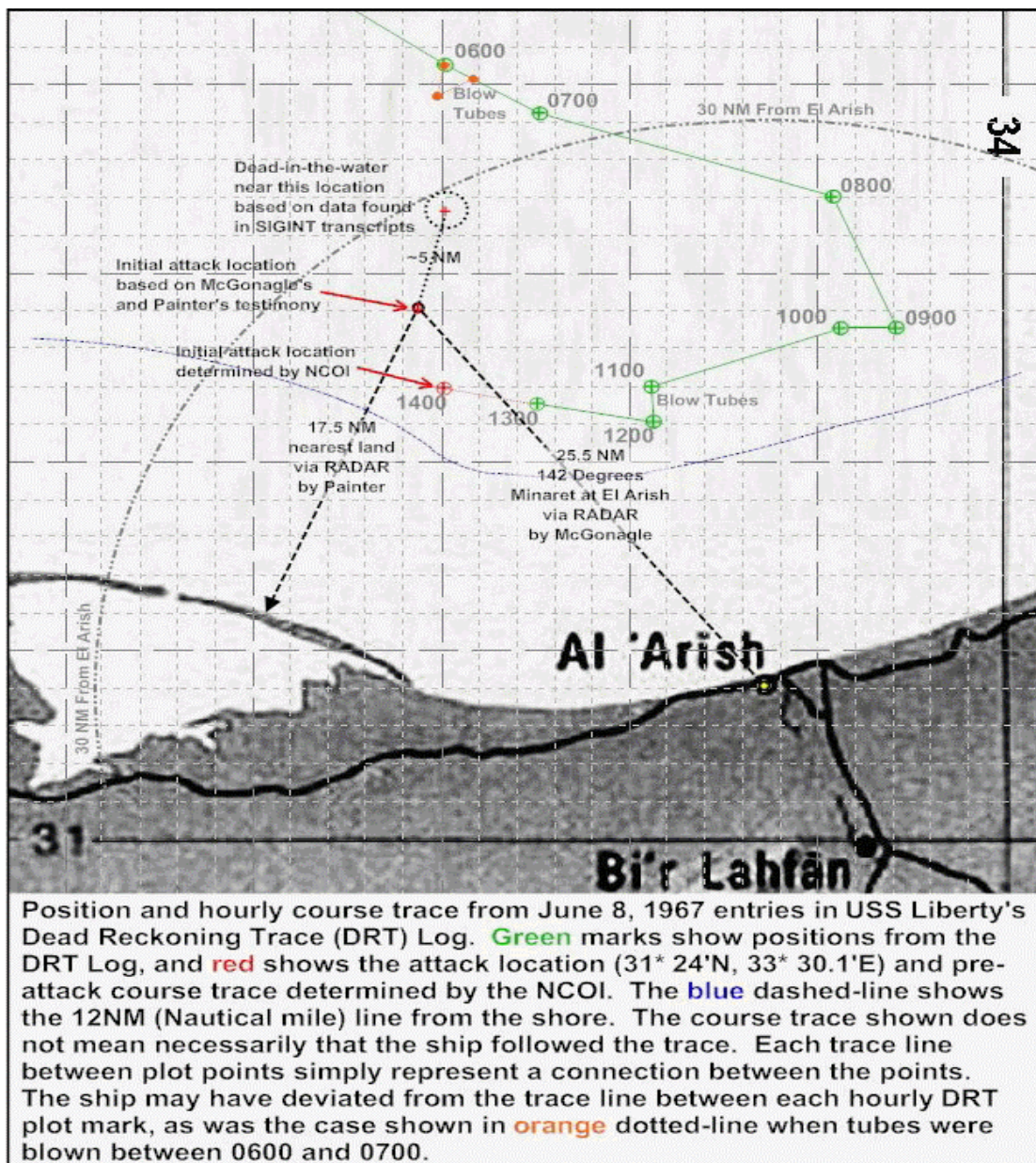
On June 8, 1967, US Navy intelligence ship USS Liberty was suddenly and brutally attacked on the high seas in international waters by the air and naval forces of Israel.



After surveillaning USS Liberty for more than nine hours with almost hourly aircraft overflights and radar tracking, the air and naval forces of Israel attacked an American ship in international waters without warning.

USS Liberty was identified as a US naval ship by Israeli reconnaissance aircraft nine hours before the attack and continuously tracked by Israeli radar and aircraft thereafter.

Sailing in international waters at less than five knots, with no offensive armament, the ship was not a military threat to anyone.



The Israeli forces attacked without warning and without attempting to contact the ship.



Thirty-four Americans were killed in the attack and another 174 were wounded.

The ship, a \$40-million dollar state-of-the-art signals intelligence platform, was later declared unsalvageable and sold for scrap.



USS Liberty (AGTR-5)'s Commanding Officer CDR. William L. McGonagle, USN, points out damage inflicted on the ship's superstructure when Israeli forces attacked the Liberty off the Sinai Peninsula on 8 June 1967. The photo was taken on 16 June, two days after the ship arrived at Valletta, Malta, for repairs.

Chapter 2

The Cover Up And Betrayal of Americans

Americans who volunteer for military service effectively write a blank check, payable to the United States of America for an amount "up to and including my life."

The United States, in turn, promises to spend these checks responsibly.

That bargain implicitly includes a promise by the United States to protect them and to seek retribution against anyone who harms them.

In the case of USS Liberty, the United States has failed to keep its end of the bargain.

Despite a near-universal consensus that the Israeli attack was made with full knowledge that USS Liberty was a US Navy ship, the Johnson administration began an immediate cover-up of this fact.

Though administration officers continued individually to characterize the attack as deliberate, the Johnson administration never sought the prosecution of the guilty parties or otherwise attempted to seek justice for the victims.

They concealed and altered evidence in their effort to downplay the attack.

Though they never formally accepted the Israeli explanation that it was an accident, they never pressed for a full investigation either.

They simply allowed those responsible literally to get away with murder.

In an ongoing effort to reveal the truth about the attack, the USS Liberty Veterans Association has filed with the Secretary of the Army in the manner prescribed by law a detailed, fully documented Report of War Crimes describing the circumstances of the attack on our ship and evidence that it was a crime under international law.

In accordance with international law and treaties, the United States is obligated to investigate the allegations.

So far, the United States has declined even to acknowledge that the report has been filed.

The full text of the report can be found at

<http://www.gtr5.com/evidence/warcrimes.pdf>

Chapter 3

"Operation Cyanide" and The Grand Plan

Over the years, there have been numerous reports indicating that the unprovoked assault caught the White House and the military by surprise.

New information, however, reveals that officials in various agencies in the U.S. government played a key role in setting up the Liberty for the purpose of drawing the Soviet Union into a fight in the Middle East and ultimately igniting World War III.

For those who follow the intrigues and explosive events surrounding the relationship between America and Israel over the last four decades it is easy to "get into a rut" so to speak and blame every single catastrophic event solely on the treachery of Israel.

The tragedy though (and certainly the hardest part to swallow by patriotic Americans who would sooner take their own lives than betray their fellow countrymen) is that there have been and are players on the American side of the equation whose hands are just as dirty as those of their Israeli counterparts.

Whether it was the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the assassination of JFK, the bombing of the twin towers in 1993, the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in 1995 or the events taking place on 9-11, the only way these could have taken place is if elements within the U.S. government cooperated with the planning, execution and subsequent dissemination of propaganda in the aftermath of these operations.

Now, a new and terrible tale has surfaced indicating yet again that elements of the U.S. government were involved at the highest level in even more criminal acts against the very same American people whom it is charged with protecting.

The case in question involves the June 8, 1967, attack on the USS Liberty by the air and naval forces of the state of Israel during the height of the Arab-Israeli war that led to the deaths of 34 American servicemen.

Long believed that players within the Johnson administration simply assisted in the cover-up of the attack so as "not to embarrass" America's greatest ally, Israel, it now it appears that American political, intelligence and military persons played a key role in setting up the Liberty for the purpose of igniting WW III in what was code-named "Operation Cyanide."

It was a heady time, to be sure.

The United States and the Soviet Union were neck-deep in the Cold War, and by all appearances it seemed that a shooting match between the two superpowers was inevitable.

The incident in question took place only a few short years after the Cuban Missile Crisis and at a time when America seemed unable to stop the spread of communism in Asia and other parts of the world.

In the Middle East, states such as Egypt, with dynamic, fiery and recalcitrant leaders such as President Gamal Abdel Nasser, were forming strong bonds with the Soviets for military and economic aid.

Using the same rationale that led to America inserting itself militarily into Korea and Vietnam, it was believed that, if not stopped, the Soviets would entrench themselves in the Middle East to the point that America's access to the oil of that region would be directly jeopardized and that, just as the communists had predicted decades before, the West would be conquered "without a shot being fired."

It has long been assumed that Israel's deliberate attack on the USS Liberty was just another of Israel's made-to-order false flag operations done simply for the purpose of dragging an unwilling America into a Middle East war on the side of the Jewish state.

However, new information uncovered reveals that the U.S. government—and more specifically the administration of Lyndon Johnson—was not as much the unsuspecting victim in all of this that Israel has claimed these last 40 years.

Based on relatively new evidence, the attack on the Liberty was actually part of a much larger plan.

The Liberty incident was just one domino in a series that had as the ultimate goal a real live shooting war between the United States and the Soviets.

Had the Liberty been sunk with no witnesses as planned, the world would be a much different place as a result—and certainly not for the better.

The plan for that awful day in American history was to sink the defenceless, unarmed American ship sailing in international waters off the coast of Egypt.

The Soviets and their Arab allies (in particular Egypt) would then be blamed for the event.

As with the sinking of the USS Maine nearly 70 years earlier, the cry would be "Remember the USS Liberty" and America's "justifiable" response to such a horrendous act would be the launching of nuclear weapons against Egypt, an ally of the Soviet Union.

Working in tandem with the United States would be allies such as Israel, Great Britain and, interestingly, Australia.

The end result would be a Middle East free of any Soviet presence, leaving America and her ally Israel in possession of Arab oil for the foreseeable future and in a better position to dictate terms to the communists.

In the minds of powerful men such as these—men who sit in comfortable offices and expensive chairs and who do not have to answer to anyone for their actions, the rationale for such an act was simple.

It is better for 300 U.S. sailors to die in the service of their country than have the "free world" fall into the clutches of Soviet communism.

What prevented all of this from taking place was that—simply by the grace of God—the Liberty did not sink, and the world was spared.

Of course, there is no official confirmation of Operation Cyanide.

In fact there is no mention of it at all.

In various interviews that have been conducted over the years, individuals from Secretary of Defence Robert McNamara to Dean Rusk to Richard Helms to Mossad spy chief Rafael Eitan have demonstrated great intellectual and verbal dexterity for men their age when discussing various items.

However, they clam up instantaneously when Operation Cyanide is mentioned as if they were witnesses to an organized crime hit and they feared for their lives.

However, the smaller players involved at the time have a different tale to tell.

Piecing together all the small parts that they individually bring to the table fleshes out a picture that, although not crystal clear, is clear enough to suggest that America was involved in the murder of 34 young men on that day in a much deeper fashion than previously thought.

Chapter 4

Anti-Semitism and the Anti-American Apologists

The Israeli forces attacked with full knowledge that this was an American ship and lied about it.



On the Israeli side, the group of pro-Israel, anti-American critics of our story, while small, persists in launching loud, vicious ad hominem attacks on anyone who attempts to discuss the deliberateness of the attack.

These anti-American apologists refuse to discuss the facts of the case.

Instead, they rely on propaganda and charge anyone who questions the Israeli position with being anti Semitic.

For detailed and authoritative accounts of the power and influence of the pro-Israel lobby, please see The Israel Lobby and US Foreign Policy by Mearsheimer and Walt and The Pro-Israel Lobby by Edward Herman.

Chapter 5

Periscope Photography May Finally Reveal Truth

Submarine Photography Can Prove What Happened

Moments after the attack, several Liberty crewmen reported seeing a periscope very close to the ship.

Then the periscope vanished as quickly as it had appeared.

A few weeks later, Liberty survivor Joe Lentini was approached by another sailor in the cafeteria of Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia.

Lentini was in uniform and on crutches.

His ship's name, "USS LIBERTY," was embroidered on his shoulder.

"Were you there?" the sailor asked, seemingly astonished.

When Lentini confirmed that he was, the man continued.

"We were there," he said. "

Our submarine.

We saw the whole thing.

We took pictures.

Then we sent an officer back to the Pentagon to deliver them.



Lentini was so stunned by this news that he neglected to get the man's name or the name of the submarine.

When he looked for the man again later, he was nowhere to be found.

Further Confirmation

I asked my Liberty shipmate, then-Lieutenant Jim O'Connor, what he knew about a submarine operating near us.

Jim's job in the Liberty would have made him among the most likely people to know such things.

Before the attack I had seen him plotting what looked to me like a submarine track on a chart.

Jim looked stunned.

"I don't know how you learned about that," he said. "

Yes, there was a submarine near us.

If you ever quote me I'll swear you are lying."

From then until he died 25 years later of Lou Gehrig's disease, Jim never mentioned the submarine again.

When I asked him about it, he denied the earlier conversation.

During the next few years three other naval officers in key positions to know about such things all told me, "Yes, there was a submarine with you.

There were three.

They spent most of the war on the bottom, then they got out in a hurry.

Recently one of Liberty's intercept operators, Charles Rowley, told me that just before the attack he had intercepted a very strange, very short radio signal that he had forwarded to Washington.

Instead of acknowledging his effort, Washington promptly ordered him to destroy any copies of that signal and to ignore any like it that he heard in the future.

He felt he was being scolded for doing his job.

Rowley concluded that he had picked up a submarine signal and asked some other technicians about it.

These men mentioned "Project Cyanide" but were unable or unwilling to say more.

He concluded that "Cyanide" and the strange track on the chart all were associated with a compartmented submarine project to which only a very few people were privy.

Most of those men died in the attack.

Frontlet 615

For the next several years, "Cyanide" and the mystery submarine remained elusive.

One Liberty survivor mentioned a submarine to a free-lance reporter who wrote a book about it.

Nearly everything he wrote was based on guesswork and was wrong.

The book did nothing to advance the story.

Then in 1988 the Lyndon Johnson Library declassified and released an intriguing, highly sensitive document with the rare "Eyes Only" security caveat.

This "Memorandum for the Record" dated 10 April 1967 reported a briefing of the "303 Committee" by General Ralph D. Steakley.

Members present were Walt Rostow, Foy Kohler, Cyrus Vance and Admiral Rufus Taylor.

According to the memo, General Steakley "briefed the committee on a sensitive DOD project known as FRONTLET 615," which is identified in a handwritten note on the original memorandum as "submarine within U.A.R. waters."

(At that time Egypt was formally known as "The United Arab Republic.")

After considering alternatives, "the proposal was approved by the committee principals."

This memorandum was filed in the LBJ Library's USS Liberty archive.

Why there?

Obviously it has something to do with the Liberty.

Could this have been the submarine we have heard about since 1967?

Survivors filed further Freedom of Information Act requests with the Library, Navy, Department of Defense, National Security Council, National Security Agency, Central Intelligence Agency, Joint Chiefs of Staff and elsewhere seeking more information.

We sent copies of the declassified memo to support our request.

In every case we were told that there is no record within the government of Cyanide or Frontlet 615 or of any submarines operating near the Liberty in 1967.

When we called General Steakley, he told us that his job for nine years with the Joint Chiefs of Staff was to win approval of such projects from the appropriate authorities.

He was rarely involved in the projects themselves.

He could remember nothing about Frontlet 615.

Breakthrough

In February 1997, we were contacted by a man who, like the first visitor in the cafeteria, told us, "I was there.

We watched the attack through the periscope and took pictures." He added, "News reports said Liberty was under attack for only five minutes, but that attack lasted more than an hour."

This person identified himself as a relatively senior member of the crew of the submarine, but he was unwilling to give his name or to talk to us except through a third party, as he feared punishment for telling the story.

He did, however, give us the name of the submarine: USS Amberjack SS522, a Guppy (snorkel)-equipped diesel boat built in 1945.

He also told us that Amberjack's mission was reconnaissance within U.A.R. waters.

Apparently Amberjack was the Frontlet 615 submarine.

This source gained credibility when we obtained Amberjack's official ship's history from the Department of Defense.

Amberjack was indeed in the area during the Six-Day War, just as he said.

Further searches of Navy-oriented Web sites on the Internet quickly turned up four more Amberjack crewmen from the "Med Cruise" of June 1967.

Some of these were Amberjack's most senior enlisted men.

All four of these men, contacted by telephone, readily told us that they were very close to USS Liberty when we came under attack.

Amberjack was so close, they said, and the sound of gunfire, missiles and the torpedo explosion so loud, that some of the crew thought Amberjack was under depth charge attack.

These men, all career submariners and all fairly senior at the time, had not seen or talked to one another for many years.

Yet they all told the same story.

They were very close to or "almost directly under" Liberty when the ship came under attack.

Amberjack was specially fitted for periscope photography and was fully capable of photographing the attack, they said, although none of these four was certain that pictures were taken.

All four men told us that Amberjack proceeded from the Gaza Strip to a brief stop at Souda Bay, Crete, where the ship was kept at anchorage and the crew was not allowed ashore.

Next, Amberjack went to Malta, where she tied up near the Liberty.

All four men told us that Amberjack was only one of five submarines in the Gaza Strip area.

Others were USS Trutta SS421, USS Requin SS481, and French and Italian submarines.

Any of those might also have photographed or recorded the attack.

Amberjack Skipper Denies Everything

Next we located Amberjack's 1967 skipper, August Hubal.

By coincidence, Hubal was an Annapolis classmate of Liberty's Executive Officer, Phil Armstrong, who died in the attack.

Hubal's room at the Naval Academy was directly across the hall from that of Liberty's Research Operations Department Head, David Lewis.

Hubal knew both men well.

Now a retired Navy captain, Hubal denies everything.

Interviewed by telephone, he insists that his ship was nowhere near Liberty.

Amberjack was at least 100 miles away, he says.

When we told Captain Hubal that several senior members of his crew, including a periscope photographer, have told us they were within sight of the attack, he shrugged that off.

"They must be mistaken," he says, apparently still muffled by ancient security restrictions.

Why Is This Important?

These stories matter because they can resolve at last the differences between Israeli and American versions of what happened.

For 30 years Israel and its supporters have denounced survivors as liars and anti-Semites for reporting what happened to their ship.

Members of Congress are unwilling even to listen to their stories.

These men seek justice.

Recent White House executive orders call for the declassification of virtually every record more than 30 years old.

Amberjack photography and other such reports fall in that category.

If the submarine photography can be found, it should show that the ship's flag was clearly visible to the attacking fighters and torpedo boats.

Pictures also should show that the Israelis continued to fire from close range with the flag and other markings in clear view long after the torpedo explosion that they claim ended the attack.

Pictures may reveal the methodical machine-gunning of Liberty's life rafts in the water.

Other Amberjack records, reports and sound recordings should show the duration of the attack and other details denied by the attackers.

Chapter 6

Six Days That Changed Everything!



These transcripts clearly implicate President Lyndon Johnson in treason.

The attack on the U.S.S. Liberty occurred, without intervention by nearby U.S. forces, because Johnson was being blackmailed by Israel and he ordered them not to intervene!!!

Today marks the forty-third anniversary of the 1967, six day war that changed the military and political world forever.

The history of events that transpired during that war literally upended the global power structure that had been operative until that point.

This article will attempt to clarify the treasons committed by Lyndon Johnson and his administration when he became a traitor to this country that he was supposedly leading during the six-day war.

To understand Johnson's actions it is necessary to go back to JFK's final days, in 1962 before his assassination, when he was dealing with Israel's Ambassador to the US. Kennedy had

summoned the Ambassador to a small White House office with only RFK in attendance.

The public might remember that during the Watergate hearings the fact that JFK had installed the now infamous taping-system that gave the world the Watergate tapes.

Because of the existence of those clandestine tapes much of what took place at this meeting between these men could be known.

The topic of this particular clandestine meeting was Kennedy's determination to inspect the nuclear facilities of Israel, at Dimona, for evidence of Israel's development of offensive nuclear weapons. (the 'inspection' under discussion never took place – but the death of JFK is a matter of historical record).

"JFK: Now—the problem of your government's nuclear weapons site at Dimona is of great concern. I have told you many times now that I want our American inspectors to be allowed in regularly so we can find out...

AMBASSADOR: No! Israel is a sovereign nation! A nation at war! Have you forgotten that your inspectors were allowed inside Dimona in May of last year? For an entire day, I would remind you! No further American inspections will be allowed at Dimona, Mr. President, and that is final!

JFK: There is no war now! If you don't want Americans, we can approach a neutral nation to send inspectors! I insist that the Dimona Nuclear Site be opened to scheduled, outside inspection!

AMBASSADOR: With respect, Sir, you do not ...understand! Israel is ALWAYS at war! No foreigners will EVER be allowed to see the workings of Dimona Nuclear Site on some schedule they might demand!

RFK: Sir, the president has authorized me to advise you that he will seek to cut off American aid for Israel until our inspectors have been allowed in at Dimona. We know you are producing offensive nuclear weapons there!

AMBASSADOR: That... that is not a good decision, Sir! It may cost your brother-- dearly! Israel's enemies—all of them-- will be crushed!"

It is against this background that one must begin to evaluate what happened during the six day war throughout the Middle-East.

When the six day war began Israel's coastal waters were the same as every other nation – twelve miles from their coast.

As Israel's war grew to include Israel's attack upon Egypt; Israel unilaterally declared a one-hundred mile stretch of the Mediterranean as Israeli territorial waters in which they could attack anything they wished to, because "they were at war."

The United States ship the USS Liberty, a spy ship, was sailing on station inside that exclusion zone and yet the US government did not advise the Liberty of Israel's unilateral decision to destroy anything, not Israeli, that was operating in those waters.

The consensus was that Israel and the US were allies; so the Liberty would not be in danger.

What was unknown to the US at the time was that Israel had targeted the Liberty precisely because her sophisticated listening devices were monitoring everything that Israel was doing in the war; and that Israel did not consider that she had any allies; that everyone was her enemy and anyone that might be able to prove that fact would need to be destroyed.

So the fate of the USS Liberty had to be sunk, with all hands so that there would be no evidence of the actual Israeli treachery involved.

The sinking of the Liberty was to have been blamed on the Egyptians in order to get America to attack Egypt and thus give Israel that which she was unable to get for herself: A total military victory over Egypt.

Again the history is important.

It seems that LBJ and Mossad had a working relationship while Johnson was Vice-President and money had changed hands.

This was the Israeli-Ace-in-the-hole, so that when the time came Israel demanded payment for their help with Johnson's problems that were magically solved by JFK's murder.

To this end a Mossad agent summoned Johnson to a secret meeting-room beneath the White House.

"JOHNSON: You wanted to meet? Why?

MOSSAD AGENT: The time has come, Mr. President, a time of great danger...a time upon which the hinge of history will turn—a time of great sacrifice...for everyone, I mean...

JOHNSON: Say it!

MOSSAD AGENT: Very well. We have destroyed the Egyptian and Syrian Air Forces and we occupy the Sinai. Our army is poised on the east bank of the Suez Canal! We are still not sure how many weapons and men the Egyptians have in reserve—possibly enough to maul or even repel our forces in a stand-up fight. We cannot be certain...We want your Navy and Air Force to attack the Egyptians so there will be no...

JOHNSON: God-dammit, why? We have no argument with those sand niggers!

MOSSAD AGENT: There is also the matter of your ship, the spy ship off our coast...listening to our communications...the LIBERTY...

JOHNSON: Shit! Listen, motherfucker, everybody in the fuckin' world has those ships! We're not gonna stop you! Do what the fuck you think you have to do. I told you, we have no argument with any god-damn rag-heads right now!

[Every major nation has these spy ships – this is very similar to attacking other nation's embassies.

It is not permissible to attack other nation's spies, because that would invite the same response to one's own spy-ships, so It's just not something that other nations do to each other – Israel in this case felt justified – because they are ISRAEL, and they are always 'at War' everywhere in the world.]

MOSSAD AGENT: If that ship were...attacked, ahhh... we feel that a response should, ahhhh... would... be forthcoming from the United States...

I mean—that your forces could, let us say...contain... the Egyptians, while we go about the business of ...ahhh expanding our nation's territory. We want the Golan, the Sinai, the West Bank, Jerusalem... mmmm, for...the future and national security of the Jewish people, of course, and...

JOHNSON: Them fuckin' Egyptians know better than to attack us! We'd destroy them!

MOSSAD AGENT: We will do the attacking, Mr. President. It is only one ship... a very small ship... and not well armed at that, as you know. We have photos... It would only take a few minutes, we feel... not long, really. After we sink her, you could go on television...say it was the Egyptians... Your Navy and Air Force could hold them at

bay if you strike rapidly at their rear and bomb Cairo when we start our advance across the Canal...They have no planes left to fly... It is for Israel! Of course...there will be no survivors to... tell a different story...we will see to that...

JOHNSON: What the fuck! What are you saying, you cocksucker! You crazy bastard! I'll kick your ass myself, by God! Right here and now! Bomb Cairo? Fuck you!

MOSSAD AGENT: You owe us, Mr. President! You owe us... everything! Everything—the White House, the presidency—everything. I said everything! I am here to collect ! Now, NOW is the time to pay! Remember, we control your corporate media...

JOHNSON: Alright. But as God is my witness, there can be no survivors! You understand? I'll deny it all if anyone is left alive to talk! You understand me?

MOSSAD AGENT: Of course, Mr. President. Certainly I, that is --we... understand. We will make it brief and as... painless... as possible. There will be no survivors. We will see to it!

JOHNSON: Get out! Get the fuck out of here! Now!"

And it was this critical series of facts concerning the factual-culpability of LBJ that led directly to the attack upon the USS Liberty and to the deaths and injuries suffered in that attack 43 years ago today.

However Israel despite all of its oversized hatreds and military deceptions was unable to sink the USS Liberty which led directly to the US military failures created by Johnson and the then Secretary of Defense McNamara that should have resulted in the impeachment of Johnson and the prosecution of everyone involved in forcing the recall of the Navy fighters that had been sent to rescue the men of the embattled and unarmed USS Liberty.

Here's how that went down.

"SIGNALMAN: Schematic (Sixth Fleet) this is Rockstar (USS Liberty). We are being attacked by aircraft. I just saw one with Israeli markings. Help us! Do you read? Help us!

SARATOGA SIGNALMAN: Rockstar, this is Schematic. I don't read you clearly. Repeat your message...

LIBERTY SIGNALMAN: Repeat. We are under attack by aircraft, some showing the Star of David! We need help!

SARATOGA SIGNALMAN: Rockstar, I read you. Authenticate. Repeat, authenticate.

LIBERTY SIGNALMAN: Authenticate? Shit! Shit!

Oscar Quebec! Oscar Quebec, SARATOGA! Oscar Quebec, for Christ's sake! You read me?

SARATOGA SIGNALMAN: I read you, Rockstar. You are under attack! I will stand by for further traffic.

...SARATOGA SIGNALMAN: Take this to the bridge! Now!

And later on. . . **LIBERTY SIGNALMAN: Schematic, we are still under strong attack by aircraft. We need help!**

SARATOGA SIGNALMAN: Rockstar, your message has been relayed.

SARATOGA SIGNALMAN: Authenticate...

LIBERTY SIGNALMAN: (kicking open the doorway to let in the sounds of the attack Liberty says) Authenticate this, you jackass!

The SARATOGA SIGNALMAN listens to his receiver, amazed at the loud series of thudding sounds and fierce explosions coming over the airwaves as the latest attack unfolds.

At last, he is chastened.

SARATOGA SIGNALMAN: **Yes Rockstar, authentication accepted."**

On the USS Saratoga the Admiral at 2:20 pm issues orders:

"Scramble the duty squadron! We have a ship under attack! and then reports his actions to DOD.

ADMIRAL: **Phantoms launched, DOD COMMAND. Responding to air attack on USS LIBERTY!"**

McNamara, inside DOD answers almost immediately.

SARATOGA! DOD Command to USS SARATOGA! Come in!

This is the USS SARATOGA!

(At 2:26 pm) **This is DEFENSE SECRETARY Mc NAMARA! Recall all planes! Bring them back at once. Do you read me?**

ADMIRAL: **But Mr. SECRETARY, one of our ships has been attacked! They say they're afire and have dead and wounded!**

McNAMARA: **What do you plan to do?**

ADMIRAL: **We're going to find out who is attacking our ship, Sir. Then we'll...**

McNAMARA: **By God, you bring those planes back now! Do you hear me?**

ADMIRAL: **Roger!"**

After Israeli torpedo boats have attacked the Liberty and hit it with one torpedo, Israeli helicopters with troops on-board begin to circle the dying US ship.

"SIGNALMAN to SARATOGA: Help!

Helicopters circling with possible boarding crews! Are you gonna help us or not? Where the fuck you at?"

On the Saratoga at 3:45 pm

"ADMIRAL: Launch a squadron!

Tell the AMERICA I want a squadron launched. Send them to the last known position of the LIBERTY!

SAILOR: **Yes Sir!**

ADMIRAL: **DOD COMMAND. This is SARATOGA. Do you copy**

MCNAMARA: **Come in, SARATOGA!**

ADMIRAL: **We have launched a second squadron and I have ordered the USS AMERICA to launch a squadron. Our planes will provide air cover above the USS LIBERTY, the ship under attack. Our men report seeing Israeli markings on both the boats and planes firing at them...**

McNAMARA: **God-dammit, NO! YOU WILL ORDER ALL AIRCRAFT BACK TO BASE! SOME OF THEM MAY BE ARMED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS! DO YOU READ ME! ANSWER!** (Johnson was present with McNamara)

ADMIRAL: **Mr. SECRETARY, we are in a battle zone! We have a US vessel attacked and burning with many wounded aboard. I think it might have been the Israelis! Do you read me?**

JOHNSON: **ADMIRAL, this is the president. Do you recognize my voice?**

ADMIRAL: **Yes, Sir.**

JOHNSON: This can all be explained. It is...ahhhh...a tragic mistake. Bring all of your planes back to base. I will not embarrass an ally! Do you read me, ADMIRAL?

ADMIRAL: Yes Sir.

JOHNSON: Very well. Help the wounded as best you can.

ADMIRAL: (to a sailor on deck) Call all planes back here."

This treason and its cover-up by a sitting president is what Americans were not allowed to know about for the last 43 years.

However the whole story of the Liberty was also integral in the power shift which the six-day war created based upon Israel's understanding of the failure of American arms in both Korea and in Vietnam, which Israel took to mean that the USA was finished as a leader in the world.

So using deception and blackmail Israel decided to take over from the US and keep us hobbled through corruption and the cowardice of our leaders that has led the world directly to the events of the last week when Israel decided again to kill people blatantly and viciously, with US collaboration, for their actions even before they boarded any of the ships in the Freedom Flotilla.

I began my career in political commentary with an attempted unpublished expose on the Johnson administration (long before the internet), but if I had had any real knowledge of what that war-criminal and thoroughly corrupt politician had been up to then, I think perhaps an entirely different outcome might have taken place then instead of now.

However given the fact that most of America seems to have taken up permanent residence beneath some very heavy rocks of ignorance in order to hide from the truth of what has been happening at least throughout the first ten years of this new millennium—it would seem unlikely that even small bits of the

raw proof against this traitor and collaborator with our enemies, who was a president at the time, might not be enough to cause any real change in the attitudes of the public here.

I don't really expect this to change anything substantially—I just want the willfully ignorant to know exactly what it is that they have been ignoring for the last forty-three consecutive years!

Conclusion

For the sake of those men who died then, and for those who survived the attack and who have endured the assault of lies that has been waged against them these last 40 years, the truth concerning what took place must be told.

In the opinion of many, exposure of the Liberty incident may very well hold the key to freeing America from the bondage it suffers under men such as those who have murdered not only American citizens, but our traditional political system as well.

"We are not going to War over a Bunch of Dead Sailors"

There President, Military and all Government Sources Sold These Men Out

By 1948, under David Ben Gurion's direction, the Israeli government developed the Israeli Terrorist Cell, Unit 131.

In the mid 1950s, the U.S. was friends with Gamal Abdel Nasser and Egypt. Ben Gurion, an avid Zionist and the Israel's first Prime Minister, envisioned an Egyptian terrorist attack against the U.S. in order to destroy that alliance.

However, that wasn't a probability, given the relationship between the two countries.

So the Israeli government developed a pattern of using young Israelis who disguised themselves as terrorists of whichever country they were attempting to implicate.

This concept would be applied during Operation Cyanide, involving the USS Liberty, in an attempt to initiate World War III.

On May 23, according to instructions from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Cyrus R. Vance, the Liberty, commanded by William L. McGonagle, was directed to the eastern Mediterranean via Rota, Spain and placed under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief, Europe upon its arrival at Rota.

Frank Raven, the G Group Chief resisted such a risky move, "The ship will be defenseless out there.

If war breaks out, she'll be alone and vulnerable.

Either side might start shooting at her...I say the ship should be left where it is.

Army General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, of Northwoods fame, put Admiral John S. McCain, Jr. (father of Senator John McCain), the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Navy in Europe in charge. U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, per President Johnson's instructions had advanced Admiral McCain to a four-star commanding position in February 1967.

Admiral John McCain directed operations from his office in London.

Johnson promised continued support and help in re-opening the Straits of Tiran, previously closed to Israel by Egypt. Israel was already developing a nuclear program in the Negev desert, but also wanted additional military assistance including — 100 Hawk missiles, 140 Patton tanks, and 24 Skyhawk jets.

John P. Roche, an avid supporter of Israel, wrote Johnson's speech regarding the Straits of Tiran which was delivered in May 1967.

Johnson had many Jewish advisors and friends including Mathilde Krim.

Mathilde Krim's first husband was David Danon, a Bulgarian Jew and member of the Irgun, a terrorist group.

She converted to Judaism and associated with many of Israel's future leaders, as she had been a dedicated gunrunning member of Irgun, headed by Menachem Begin, prior to 1948.

She was also friendly with the Stern Gang, another Zionist terrorist group founded by Avraham Stern and headed by Yitzhak Shamir.

In 1958 she married Arthur B. Krim, a New York attorney and head of United Artists and a close advisor to Johnson and an avid Zionist.

Krim was the finance chairman for the Democratic national committee and ran the President's Club, Johnson's fund-raising apparatus that held a \$1,000 a plate dinner in New York on June 3, 1967.

Arthur Krim built a huge vacation mansion next door to Johnson's Texas ranch.

On June 3, 1967, the USS Liberty was trolling in international waters off the coast of the Gaza Strip where the ship was to engage in an "extended independent surveillance operation in the eastern Mediterranean."

Israel launched a long-planned war against her Arab neighbors at 7:45 a.m. Sinai time on June 5, 1967.

In 1982, Menachem Begin, then Israel's Prime Minister, admitted, "The Egyptian army concentrations in the Sinai approaches do not prove that Nasser was really about to attack us.

We must be honest with ourselves.

We decided to attack him.

Mordechai Bentov, a member of Israel's coalition cabinet during the war, said, "All this story about the danger of extermination has been a complete invention and has been blown up a posteriori to justify the annexation of new Arab territories."

President Johnson, an apparently energetic philanderer given the number and notoriety of his sexual exploits, was in Texas until June 1 when he returned with his "friend" Mathilde Krim who remained at the White House with Johnson for the next week.

When Johnson, who was absolutely dazzled by Mathilde's blonde beauty and intelligence, was informed of the beginning of the war on the morning of June 5.

The very first person he informed was Mathilde Krim.

Official records indicate that Mathilde passed documents from Israel directly to Johnson over the duration of the crisis.

Johnson didn't meet with his advisors, except Walt Rostow, nor any Israeli or Arab officials during the duration of the very short war, he knew exactly what was going on with the Israelis due to his intimate relationship with Mathilde Krim.

It was evident, as that first day progressed, that Egypt was unprepared and inundated by Israel's aggressiveness.

Ambassador Michael Hadow, a British expert on Israel and the Middle East didn't believe that war was inevitable.

Yet his advice, as well as negotiation possibilities were ignored.

He sent a telegram to the British Foreign Office, "It looks as if the Israelis started it.

We have been led up the garden path.

Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, told U.S. Ambassador Walworth Barbour that his government was going to protest Egypt's actions to the U.N. Security Council.

Eban, along with other dignitaries, misled the entire world but never offered any apologies for his deception about Egypt initiating the war.

The Western media characterized Israel as a vulnerable country threatened with extinction by its Arab neighbors.

Rather than a war of land seizure, it was portrayed as a defensive war of survival.

However, Israel kept the land her military grabbed.

Of course it was all over the news and millions of Americans believed that the Arabs had started the war and attacked the poor defenseless state of Israel, an act that could have erupted into World War III.

Although both parties, the Arabs and the Jews had participated in the warfare, the Israelis were the only people who had immediate access to President Johnson any time they wanted.

Conversely, the Arabs were silenced by their inaccessibility to the White House and the U.S. media.

Yitzhak Rabin, former Chief of Staff and then Ambassador to the United States, said, "I do not believe that Nasser wanted war...

The two divisions he sent into Sinai on May 14 would not have been enough to unleash an offensive against Israel.

He knew it and we knew it." Rabin recognized that any country with good intelligence, like Israel, could ascertain that Egypt had no plans to wage war against Israel.

The CIA, before the war, embraced Israel's views about Egypt's intentions. Israel would have won any war, a veritable turkey shoot, in a week.

Further, Israeli intelligence had broken the Arab codes as soon as the fighting started.

The Israelis also had the ability to block and alter all communications between King Hussein in Cairo and Egypt's military.

Israel, with military and tactical superiority, altered the communications to give the Arabs the impression that they were winning when in fact they were being ambushed and summarily slaughtered.

Israel had air supremacy immediately after their surprise attack on Egypt. Within hours, Israeli jets pummeled twenty-five air bases from Damascus, in Syria to Luxor.

They used machine guns, mortar fire, tanks and air power in their assault against the Jordanian section of Jerusalem and the Jordan River's west bank.

Israeli tanks and auxiliary personnel transporters assaulted the Sinai moving towards the Suez Canal.

They transformed the area into a "massive killing field" as Egyptian deaths, according to one Israeli general, amounted to between 7,000 to 10,000 people.

His losses were only about 275 soldiers.

Indian peacekeeper soldiers, flying the U.N. flag, were also attacked on their way to Gaza.

Fourteen peacekeeper soldiers were killed in what one Indian officer called the "deliberate, cold-blooded killing of unarmed U.N. soldiers."

The Israelis had captured some Egyptians and held them in the town of El Arish.

By June 8, the prisoners had become annoyances as the Israelis had no place to house them and insufficient forces to guard them and too few vehicles to move them to regular prison camps.

Consequently, the Israelis transformed the town into a "slaughterhouse" by methodically "butchering" their Egyptian prisoners.

They lined up sixty unarmed Egyptians with their hands tied behind their backs and, with machine guns, slaughtered them in cold blood.

Another group of thirty prisoners were killed nearby.

The Israelis directed some Bedouins to bury those victims. In another incident, the number of Egyptian prisoners killed totaled about 150, as witnessed by an Israeli journalist, Gabi Bron.

Some prisoners were forced to dig graves for the dead and then they were shot.

Aryeh Yitzhaki, an Israeli army historian, and other officers collected testimony from dozens of soldiers who admitted killing Egyptian prisoners.

According to Yitzhaki, Israeli soldiers murdered about 1,000 Egyptian prisoners in the Sinai, including about 400 in El Arish.

Ariel Sharon was close to El Arish at the time of the incidents.

Yitzhaki said that the Israeli leadership, Dayan, Rabin and others knew about the slaughter.

The Liberty, close to El Arish at the time, and loaded with \$10.2 million of sensitive equipment eavesdropped on Israel's Six-Day War with Egypt, then known as the United Arab Republic.

The Israelis were aware by 10:55 the morning of June 8 that a clearly-marked U.S. ship was off the coast and unmistakably visible from El Arish.

On that day, June 8, 1967, without any warning and apparently without reason, the Israeli Navy and Air Force attacked the ship with torpedoes, rockets, white phosphorous, cannons and armor-piercing bullets.

The Israelis used napalm, a flammable liquid or jellied gasoline to turn the Liberty's deck into a 3,000-degree holocaustic firestorm.

Thirty-four Americans were killed and 171 others were wounded, one of which died later from his wounds.

Napalm is designed to kill and maim, generate panic and cause confusion.

The first wave of attacks, comprised of as many as eight planes using heat-seeking missiles, destroyed the transformers (miraculously, all except one) which fed the aerial systems.

This was a well-planned, premeditated strategy to prevent the USS Liberty from alerting the world of this murderous attack.

The surveillance ship was no longer able to listen in to the war or send messages.

If that was the objective of the attack, then the goal was met and the attack should have subsided.

However, the real objective was to slaughter the crew and send the ship to the bottom.

Finally, the planes left only to be followed up by three surface craft which fired torpedoes.

One hit below the water line and made a hole which measured 45 feet by 34 by 37.

Amazingly, the ship didn't sink but listed eleven degrees.

When the crew inflated the lifeboats, the torpedo boats even destroyed those boats.

The war was over by June 8 and Egypt had lost.

The men on the Liberty first assumed that the Arabs, in unmarked planes and ships, were attacking their ship in retaliation for U.S. support of Israel.

There were 294 survivors from the premeditated Israeli attack, directed by Moshe Dayan.

The remains of five men were never found and body parts were put into sacks for burial.

Vice Admiral William I. Martin, a former World War II test pilot and "Pentagon loyalist," had assumed command of the Sixth Fleet in April 1967.

During Israel's assault there were several U.S. ships in the area, the aircraft carrier Saratoga commanded by Captain Joseph Tully, the Flagship commanded by Vice Admiral Martin, a Cruiser commanded by Rear Admiral Roger Payne, the USS America, a new aircraft carrier was under the command by Captain Don Engen.

Rear Admiral Lawrence Geis was the Sixth Fleet carrier Division Commander. Additionally, there were approximately a dozen escorting destroyer ships.

The Saratoga's Communications Officer received a message from the Liberty, addressed to any or all U.S. ships or stations, "Liberty is under attack by unknown enemy air and surface units. Request Assistance."

Help was only about 15 to 20 minutes away from the Liberty.

Captain Tully notified Vice Admiral Martin and said, "Unless otherwise directed, I plan to launch my Ready Strike Group in support of Liberty."

Martin approved and directed the USS America to launch their Ready Strike Group.

However Rear Admiral Geis of the USS America recalled his aircraft which created a dilemma for Captain Tully.

Vice Admiral ordered another strike to give aid to the Liberty but it was again recalled by Rear Admiral Geis.

According to an independent, unofficial study, the "The White House deliberately prevented the U.S. Navy from coming to the defense of USS Liberty by recalling Sixth Fleet military rescue support while the ship was under attack..."

McNamara recalled the aircraft that had been launched from the Saratoga within minutes.

Certainly, he would not have made such a move without Johnson's approval.

Secretary McNamara ordered the aircraft recalled a second time.

Admiral Geis was told that President Johnson had ordered the aircraft to be returned, "He would not have his allies embarrassed, he didn't care who was killed or what was done to the ship."

According to Admiral Geis, President Johnson, known for his ruthlessness and vile profanity told Geis, "I want that goddamn ship going to the bottom. No help — recall the wings."

Tony Hart, a Navy communications technician stationed at the U.S. Navy Base in Morocco in June 1967 reported that McNamara responded, "We are not going to war over a bunch of dead sailors."

If the Liberty had sunk, as Johnson wanted, Egypt would have been blamed.

Government officials, including the McCains have maintained absolute silence about the Liberty's assault.

The attack ended at about 3:15 pm.

A while later, Israeli helicopters circled the ship.

Some of the crewmembers, not yet realizing that Israel was the perpetrator of the attack, were glad to see their friendly ally.

Then one crewmember shouted, "They've come to finish us off."

The copters just hovered as the Israeli troops watched without signaling and then soared away as if the attack had finally been called off.

The survivors were stunned by what had happened and by the total lack of response from U.S. rescue planes.

The ship generated sufficient steam to start moving from the area.

There were 851 rocket hits and it was estimated that there were at least fifteen planes that had targeted the USS Liberty.

One hit could be rationalized as an accident but not 851.

Captain Ward Boston, the chief Navy attorney for the 1967 U.S. Navy Court of Inquiry, revealed that the clear-cut evidence demonstrated that the ship was clearly marked as an American ship.

On October 9, 2003, Captain Boston said, "Admiral Kidd and I believed with certainty that this attack...was a deliberate effort to sink an American ship and murder its entire crew."

Captain Boston stated that Admiral Kidd had, in 1967, concluded that the attack was "a case of mistaken identity" because he was "under direct orders to do so by Defense Secretary McNamara and President Johnson."

At the time, Congress, failing in their check and balances responsibility, opted not to convene a formal investigation of the situation.

Israel was not held accountable and no one was punished or reprimanded.

The U.S. Navy prohibited its investigators from going to Israel to question Israeli pilots and boat captains.

The Navy conducted an eight-day inquiry and issued a top-secret final report.

Prior to the attack, Petty Officer Phil Tourney had determined that there had been at least thirteen over flights by Israeli planes.

Two of the over-flights were by planes that had the prominent Star of David plainly visible.

One plane got so incredibly close that Tourney waved and smiled at the pilot or co-pilot and he smiled and waved back.

The survivors knew that the attack was not the result of an identification error.

On the fourth day of the war the men on the USS Liberty who were monitoring radio traffic during the war between Israel and Egypt could see the smoke of the fighting even though the ship was thirteen miles from land within international waters.

The militarily superior Israelis were decidedly victorious over Egypt.

Yitzhak Rabin, the fifth Prime Minister of Israel, concluded that Israel was not to blame for the attack on the USS Liberty but said, "In any event, to express our goodwill and humanitarian concern, the Israeli Government paid \$13 million in compensation to the families of the Americans killed or wounded in the attack."

On June 19, 1967, Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, delivered a speech to the Special Assembly of the United Nations in which he claimed, "The danger to his country was great."

He said, "The military build-up in Egypt proceeded at an intensive rate.

It was designed to enable Egypt to press its war plans against Israel while maintaining its violent adventures elsewhere.

In the face of these developments, Israel was forced to devote an increasing part of its resources to self-defense."

Eban claimed he heard the following on a Cairo broadcast on May 25, 1967, "The Arab people is firmly resolved to wipe Israel off the map and restore the honour of the Arabs of Palestine."

Levi Eshkol, Israel's Prime Minister, in a newspaper article in October 1967, "The Egyptian layout in the Sinai and the general military build-up there testified to a military defensive Egyptian set-up south of Israel."

Ezer Weizman, chief of the operations staff under Rabin, told an Israeli newspaper that there was "no threat of destruction."

He admitted that the attack against Egypt, Jordan, and Syria was intended to allow Israel to "exist according to the scale, spirit and quality she now embodies."

Rabin's deceptive claims were designed to win the world's support and ultimately blame the war on Nasser.

Operation Cyanide was the reason that the USS Liberty was sent to the war zone without protection.

Yet, thirty years after the attack, there isn't a single reference to Operation Cyanide despite numerous Freedom of Information Act requests regarding the attack.

The Government archives for this period are kept at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library in Austin, Texas.

Among all of the papers about the Liberty there is one dated April 10, 1967 stamped — SECRET — EYES ONLY.

That document was "sanitized" in December 1988.

It was apparently the minutes from a meeting on April 7, 1967 that included Walt Rostow (National Security Advisor), Ambassador Foy Kohler (Deputy Under Secretary of State), Cyrus Vance (Deputy Secretary of Defense), and Admiral Rufus Taylor (CIA Deputy Chief).

Apparently, Operation Cyanide included an Israeli war against Egypt in order to depose Gamal Abdul Nasser, a purported Soviet puppet. U.S. intelligence and military specialists were sent to Israel months before to plan and prepare for the operation.

The operation was an agreement between Johnson and Israel during which the USS Liberty was supposed to be sunk, along with all of her crew. When Israel's attack failed to sink the ship, the game plan changed which included an apology from Israel and a phony cover story.

According to author Peter Hounam, a U.S. intelligence agent claimed that Captain McGonagle was aware of the pretext and the intentions of the U.S. to attack Egypt and had been briefed to anticipate a superficial strafing attack on the USS Liberty.

The attack unexpectedly accelerated, perhaps because what the Liberty's surveillance revealed about Israel's terrorism against the Egyptians.

Ephraim Evron, the Minister of the Israeli Embassy in Washington in 1967 and an avowed Socialist, served with Ambassador Avraham Harman.

Evron, who viewed Johnson as a hero, was frequently invited to Johnson's Texas ranch.

In addition to Evron and Harman, Harry McPherson, Special Counsel in the White House, served as a link between Johnson and the country's Jewish population and represented their interests.

Evron greatly admired Johnson and regarded him as the greatest thing that had ever happened to America for the "social revolution" that Johnson was "going to achieve."

He believed that Johnson, Israel's best friend, would never do anything that would hurt Israel.

Johnson's affection for Jews and Israel had more to do with their votes and financial support than sentimentality or principles.

The very generous U.S. Jewish community, amounting to 5.5 million, supported Johnson's divisive Vietnam policies.

In the mid 1990s Rabin attempted to achieve peace with the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat with the U.S. acting as the mediator.

Some of the other Zionists saw this as a hindrance to their plans of expanding Israel's control of the area for an ultimate "greater Israel." Consequently, whether acting on his own or as an agent, Yigal Amir, a young law student, shot five bullets into the Prime Minister when he was attending a 1995 peace rally.

He later told investigators that he had absolutely no regrets.

In the New York Times, dated November 27, 1995, Rabin's assassin reportedly claimed, "According to Jewish law, the minute a Jew betrays his people and country to the enemy, he must be killed.

No one taught me that law.

I've been studying the Talmud all my life, and I have all the data.

Senator John McCain, backed by William Kristol in the 2000 presidential race, has always supported Israel.

Representative Vin Weber, a pro-Israel member of the CFR, helped found William Kristol's Empower America.

Weber backed McCain in the 2000 and advised McCain during his campaign.

Representative Weber sabotaged "an effort to force a congressional investigation of Israel's terroristic 1967 attack on the U.S.S. Liberty. "

Robert S. McNamara later claimed, in his memoirs, that he didn't know what happened and didn't "take the time to find out."

The attack on the USS Liberty, part of Operation Cyanide, had to be concealed and all evidence had to be whitewashed.

It took another false flag, 9/11, to get the U.S. embroiled in the Middle East.

A 9/11 Commission was convened despite Bush and Cheney's efforts. But, it took time to gather the right people to staff the commission which predictably failed to reach accurate conclusions because essential evidence was withheld by the government.

One member, Bob Kerrey, admitted that 9/11 was a thirty- year conspiracy.

Shortly after 9/11, Eckehardt Werthebach, the former president of Germany's domestic intelligence service, the Verfassungsschutz said, "the deathly precision" and "the magnitude of planning" behind the attacks would have required "years of planning."

Was 9/11 another false flag, with blame again placed on the Arabs, to compensate for the flubbed-up false flag on June 8, 1967?

And if that is the case, did the planning begin shortly after the first failure?

Benjamin Netanyahu, the day after the horrific event, said that the 9/11 terror attacks were good for Israel.

The five Israelis who were in the U.S. prior to 9/11 and were caught photographing the event admitted, "Our purpose was to document the event."

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